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Dear Honorable Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

I am in opposition of H.B. 5653, An Act Establishing and Excise Tax on Ammunition to Provide Funding for Community Gun Violence and Intervention Program Grants. All ammunition is presently taxed with the current CT state sales tax. This bill is nothing more than an additional sales tax charged on a product that already requires law abiding buyers to obtain a permit from the State to legally purchase it. In addition, there is a fee to obtain & renew a permit.

The people who obtain permits and legally purchase ammunition are not the people who are committing community gun violence/crimes. But once again, the law-abiding citizens, who want nothing more than to exercise their constitutional rights, are punished for the acts of criminals who do not obtain permits and do not legally purchase ammunition & firearms.

It's time to the blame those who are committing the crimes and to enforce the existing criminal laws. Don't blame the law-abiding citizens and punish them with added taxes/penalties.

Please oppose this bill and support enforcing existing laws that address gun violence/crimes.

Thank you.

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